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ON AUGUST 19, MISSION OFFICER DISCUSSED US CONCERN TO AVOID CONDEMNATION OF US FOR MILITARY BASES IN GUAM AND THE CARIBBEAN AND CONDEMNATION OF NATO IN THE C-24 CHAPTERS ON MILITARY ACTIVITIES AND FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTERESTS WITH MALIAN MISSION OFFICER DIAKITE. MISSION OFFICER EXPLAINED THAT MAINTENANCE OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS ON ITS NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES IS SPECIFICALLY CONSONANT WITH THE INHERENT RIGHT OF INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE SELF-DEFENSE RECOGNIZED BY THE UN CHARTER, WHICH IN NO SECTION SUGGESTS ANY INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE OBLIGATIONS OF AN ADMINISTERING POWER AND THE EXISTENCE OF MILITARY BASES ON A NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY. MISSION OFFICER ALSO DISCUSSED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN GUAM, THE FACT THAT THERE IS ONLY A SMALL COAST GUARD IN THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS AND OTHER RELATED POINTS. DIAKITE TOOK NOTE OF OUR CONCERN.

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